

**DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present: Mayor Ward Stamer
Councillor Judy Armstrong
Councillor Scott Kershaw
Councillor Rob Kerslake
Councillor Louise Lodge
Councillor Colin McInnis

Regrets: Councillor Donna Kibble

Staff: Colleen Hannigan, Approving Officer
Chelsea Young, Finance Officer
Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager
Jamie Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Mayor Stamer called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council approve the March 11, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
That Council adopt the minutes of a February 26, 2024 SPECIAL Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Lodge
Seconded by Councillor McInnes
That Council adopt the minutes of a February 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – none scheduled

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

- a. Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 239 – 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.
**w/attached staff report*

Ms. Hannigan provided an overview of the Rezoning Application and reminded Council this is not a Public Hearing and strictly a zoning amendment for Council to consider, as required under the new Provincial legislation. The developer's engineer, Doug Randell was present for any questions from Council.

Questions from Council included:

- Will the sewer line be hooked up to the existing system and is there enough capacity as well as room to grow? *Yes.*
- Will the District end up owning this subdivision? *No*
- Will there be any traffic implications? *The District-approved intersection will have a stop sign and will be designed with good visibility in both directions similar to other side streets off Barriere Town Road.*
- Will there be green space within the area? *The entire river frontage will remain in greenspace which could be developed into a looped trail system in the future.*

It was stated that the purpose of having all three readings tonight is to bring reassurance to the developer that Council agreed the residential zoning for the centre portion should be reinstated. This will provide for more housing units should the property be able to be serviced by municipal water and wastewater. The bylaw will not be adopted until a strategy for the provision of a wastewater force main is proven to be feasible.

Moved by Councillor McInnes

Seconded by Councillor Kerlake

THAT the District of Barriere Zoning Bylaw No. 111, Amendment Bylaw No. 239 be given 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings.

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. DRAFT 2024 Budget – 3rd Review – C. Young, Finance Officer

Ms. Young stated that there were no changes from the 2nd reading on the Riverwalk, Siska, Water and Downtown Sewer Budgets. A general overview of the corrections made to Louis Creek and the Operational budgets was provided and Ms. Mosdell provided a verbal report on the expenses for the Community Events line item.

It was noted that \$12,000 is allocated for the TNRD GIS Service as previously resolved by Council. Staff will also report back on an estimate for paving No Name Rd between Fadear Park and the Seniors Centre.

Moved by Councillor Lodge

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Council approve the 2024 Budgets as presented at the May 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

- b. CAO Update – J.Mosdell, Recreation Coordinator

Ms. Mosdell provided an overview of the written report.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** – *none submitted*

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. For Information

For Action

- i. Rabbits BC – Request for \$500 Grant Funding

Moved by Councillor Kerslake

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

That Council approve the Rabbits BC grant request of \$500.00.

CARRIED

- ii. Farmers Market – Request for Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Kershaw

Seconded by Councillor Kerslake

That Council send a letter of gratitude to the BC Minister of Health, The Honourable Adrian Dix as requested by the Barriere Farmers Market.

CARRIED

8. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

- a. Councillor McInnes provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended C2C and verbalized his thoughts on the importance of continuing communications of said topics at conferences and ensure there is follow through.
- b. Councillor Lodge provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended a Block Party working group and Recreation Committee meeting.
 - Attended C2C and stated a communication forum moving forward would be a positive item if Barriere is to host in future years as there was no time at the end of the meeting for open conversation.
 - Met with Shelley Sim who is a Doctor Recruiter and recommended Council provide a Welcome Basket to the new Doctor. Council readily agreed and will donate items additional to Staff's assistance.
- c. Councillor Kerslake provided a verbal report on the following:
- BBC interior painting should be wrapped up this week.
 - BBC cabinets, flooring etc. should be complete this month.
 - Paving for the parking lot is scheduled to take place in April

- Electrical finishing in the coming weeks.
 - Attended the Drought Management session and spoke on the importance of water storage.
- d. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended the C2C and agreed that communication can always be an issue and recommends reaching out to the Mayors directly to ensure the follow through continues.
 - Attended Community Forest meetings.
- e. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
- Attended a fundraiser in Chu Chua which was very well attended.
 - Announced the Legion has an upcoming basement renovation planned.

9. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended wildfire seminars with SILGA.
- Attended the C2C Forum in Clearwater
- Received a private message about the possibility of the ambulance being removed from Barriere's service and set up a meeting regarding this issue. Received assurance it will not be suspended until at least the end of April but with good hopes that it will not be removed at all.
- Along with staff, discussions with MOTI regarding improvements at the end of highway by the ESSO continue.
- Will be attending the upcoming SILGA meeting on Friday.

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

- a. Unknown Resident - Questioned why Barriere taxes are rising \$300-400. It was answered that this year's tax increase is set to 5% and not the 8% indicated in the TNRD document the resident was quoting from. It was also explained that multiple surrounding areas are raised higher and the District of Barriere does its best to keep taxes under a 5% increase.

The same resident also mentioned more RCMP speed enforcement is required on Barriere Town Rd.

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented*

12. **CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION** – *Not required*

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

14. **NEXT MEETING**

- a. Regular Council Meeting, Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 7pm

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kerslake that the meeting adjourn at 8:43pm

CARRIED

Original signed by _____
Mayor Ward Stamer

Original signed by _____
Jamie Mosdell, Recording Secretary